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Cuban Women Pray at Gesu Church for Prisoners

...ask help for Donovan

Donovan In Cuba For Talks

Attorney James B. Donovan arrived Thursday in Havana and immediately was whisked away to a private home by two unmarked police cars.

Donovan, who negotiated the freedom of U2 Pilot Gary Powers from the Russians, is in Havana to discuss the release of some 1,100 prisoners from the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of April 1961.

Secrecy surrounded his arrival. Only government newsmen were allowed to speak with the Donovan party, which left the airport by a side gate and went to the suburban home of Mrs. Berla Barreto de Los Heros, coordinator between Donovan and Premier Fidel Castro.

"I don't believe Mr. Donovan would come to Cuba unless he felt success was at hand," Mrs. de Los Heros said.

Castro has asked ransoms totaling 62 million dollars for the prisoners. They are locked in Principe Castle, a colonial fort in Havana, and in the penitentiary at the Isle of Pines.

The report is circulating that Donovan will offer a part-cash part-goods deal for the captives. There are indications the Cuban government would be receptive to a formula of food, hospital equipment, mechanical parts, and even foodstuffs.

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